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## Letter from Anna Clemson to Elias Baker, 1864 May 1

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a memorandum or a separate  
letter, saying the lease is renew-  
able, as it is a mistake on his  
part, & would be better you  
should make it for the year,  
if you can, or longer, if you get  
a good tenant.

So excuse this. I write on  
my knees being too sick to sit  
at the desk -

With love to all your  
affectionate niece  
Anna C. C. Benson

I believe this is dated right

I suppose I had better make  
the rent payable to Messrs Jackson  
Bros. & Co No 333 Pennsylvania  
Ave at Washington - It is  
mentioned this in your memorandum

May 1<sup>st</sup> 1864

Dear Sir,

We reached here safely,  
Tuesday morning, to breakfast, &  
found all well, & doing well. I have  
been sick, in bed, ever since I came,  
with a dreadful cold, & got out of it  
yesterday, to go to the city, on business.  
Today, for the first time, I can  
speak above a whisper.

I am busy as possible, preparing  
to leave on the 1<sup>st</sup> of June. Enclosed  
you will find two copies of the rent  
papers, drawn up by lawyer Stone -  
You sign your name, to the last  
memorandum, as you will see by  
reading them over - so this, at once,  
& return immediately, as I have  
had already applications, & should  
be ready to finish the matter, when  
the right one presents himself.  
They say I should get \$600, or \$700,

a year. I will do the best I can. The main thing is to get a good & responsible tenant.

I will send the pictures as soon as ready, but it is quite a job, & I fear I can't get them off this week. So write Mr Elder, about them & give him great charge. I shall do so, just before I send them. I will send the bronze, of the two eagles at the same time.

The plan is advertised, & there is a bond at the gate.

Received the letters you forwarded. The letter with the black seal, was from Mrs Calvert, who is in mourning for her mother -

I hope you, & Mr Chambers, have agreed. Tell me when you write. You must come down, before I leave - My present plan is to go to Beltsville, six miles from Hyattsville, near Baltimore

on the rail road, at least till I am all clear here - but I will let you know, when I have decided.

Mr Bartholomew seems getting on well, & in good spirits. He has some prospect of getting the manure, at Bunker Hill - the wagon starts on the road, you remember -

I trust your health is improving. He is better, but his eyes not improving.

She joins me in much love, to all & thanks to her cousin A., for the book. I was sorry I was obliged to make such a short stay at your beautiful place.

So attend to these papers, & return them at once. It is important I should have them. I see he has made the rent for six months. You had better send